

HIS END WAS PEACE.

Closing Scene in the Life of Gentle George W. Childs.

AT REST BESIDE MR. DREXEL.

The Great Editor Temporarily Interred in the Drexel Mausoleum—Philadelphia Printers Start a Movement to Erect a Monument to Their Patron Saint.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—The death of George W. Childs, which occurred at 3 o'clock Saturday morning at his Walnut street home, threw a shadow of mourning over all sections of this country where electric messages are borne. It spread across the seas, where the sad news was transmitted by the cables. Expressions of sorrow were heard not only in America, but over the wide world, in all parts of which the dead philanthropist's name is familiar as a household word for beneficence and uprightnes.

The cup of sorrow was lifted to the lips of millions. Whether men had met Mr. Childs or not, they knew him by his work of a lifetime—that of helping those willing to help themselves, if possible, or sustaining them entirely, if necessary. The chief magistrate of the nation expressed his personal sympathy and that of the people of the United States in a message of condolence to the helpmate who was



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the companion of the dead. Members of his cabinet, senators, congressmen and governors of some states did likewise. Leaders in commercial life, judges of courts, bishops of churches, famous actors, eminent publicists and honored private citizens joined in tributes of sorrow which were flashed over the wires.

Mr. Childs was unconscious from 8:30 Friday night until the end, and his death was painless. As one of the physicians described it:

"Mr. Childs suffered no pain, and his end was peaceful. He had been unconscious for the past three days, except at intervals. Mr. Childs' lower limbs were not both paralyzed, as has been stated. The stroke only affected his right side, he having lost the use of both his right arm and leg. During the last few hours he lay like a child asleep."

The death of Mr. Childs will not alter the policy of the Public Ledger, nor will any changes be made in the management of the paper. By an agreement entered into by Mr. Childs and the late Anthony J. Drexel, in accordance with a provision in the latter's will, the Drexel estate will now purchase from Mrs. Childs the interest Mr. Childs held in the Ledger and will accordingly own the paper absolutely. The four surviving children of Anthony J. Drexel will hold equal shares in the property.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—The services attendant upon the funeral of George W. Childs were participated in by a gathering that taxed the capacity of St. James' Protestant Episcopal church, Twenty-second and Walnut streets, to the utmost. Hundreds of people were unable to gain admission to the church, while among those in the mourning congregation were many men conspicuous in the various walks of life in the country.

The church services were preceded by a more private service in the Childs residence, across from the church. At this only the members of the family and the close friends of the deceased were present. Before 12 o'clock the streets in the neighborhood of the church were patrolled by a numerous body of officers, reserves and men from the adjoining districts.

All persons wore black more or less, and there was a genuine expression of sorrow marked upon almost every face. Fully half of the mourners were women outside of the delegations of representatives. Every class of society was represented in the church, and the sorrow of loss to the whole community was thus shown by the general outpouring which the capacity of the church was all too small to accommodate.

The remains were temporarily interred in the Drexel mausoleum at Woodlands cemetery, the body being placed in the catacomb next to the one occupied by the remains of the late A. J. Drexel, the business partner and boon companion of Mr. Childs.

Many hundreds of letters and telegrams of condolence have been received by Mrs. Childs. Most of these are from labor organizations in all sections of the land, notably from printers' unions, all speaking in tenderest terms of labor's patron saint.

Typographical Union No. 2, of this city, held a meeting Monday night, and after adopting a suitable memorial the initiating steps were taken toward the erection of a monument by union printers in Philadelphia. It was stated that subscriptions for this purpose had already been tendered, and a committee will be appointed later to take charge of the matter.

Shortlidge Cannot Recover. MEDIA, Pa., Feb. 5.—Professor Switlin C. Shortlidge, who shot down his bride of six weeks while insane, and who was afterward removed to the Norristown asylum, is reported to have shown no improvement in his condition during his two weeks in that institution. At times he is very violent, and his physicians give no hope that he will ever recover his reason.

Deadly Fight with Moonshiners. WARM SPRINGS, Va., Feb. 7.—News has just been received here of a desperate fight on "Black Allegheny" mountain, near the West Virginia line, between several deputy United States marshals and a party of illicit distillers. Two of the marshals were killed, and one of the distillers was fatally wounded.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Matters of Interest from All Over the Commonwealth.

LYKENS, Pa., Feb. 7.—By a fall of top slate in Short Mountain colliery, near here, Edward Zerby was fatally injured and two others badly hurt.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—In the case of Harry Hunter, who has been on trial for several days charged with conspiracy and election frauds, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

STRETLON, Pa., Feb. 6.—All the departments of the Pennsylvania Steel works except the slab mill and two furnaces have resumed work. There are now over 3,100 men at work.

EASTON, Pa., Feb. 7.—Miss Leona Weidman, a young lady residing on College Hill, was attacked with a coughing spell and burst a blood vessel, causing death in a short time. She had been out in company only a few hours before.

CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 5.—During a quarrel Saturday night John Saunders, 30 years old, was stabbed in the stomach. He was removed to the Chester hospital, where he died yesterday morning. James Lynn was under arrest charged with the crime.

EASTON, Pa., Feb. 7.—A negro familiarly known as "Auntie" Duncan died here yesterday, aged 110 years. She is said to have been the daughter of an African king, and is reputed to have been seized by slave traders, brought to America and sold in bondage.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Feb. 5.—A 7-year-old boy named Clark Fink, of North Greensburg, while on the way from school found a gas pipe and taking it home stirred the fire with it. The pipe was loaded with dynamite and exploded. The boy's right arm was blown off.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 5.—Harry Cooley, a Homestead boy, was the victim of a coasting accident. He and a number of friends were on a "bob" sled coasting on Ann street when the sled ran into an electric light pole. Cooley's head struck the pole and his skull was fractured. He died soon after.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—Policeman Albert Lanahan, of the Twenty-ninth district, shot and killed himself at a stable on Lancaster avenue. When a fellow officer went to inform Lanahan's wife of the tragedy he found her dead in the hallway, with her face badly cut. It is supposed that Lanahan killed his wife.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Feb. 6.—Frederick P. Schneider, 69 years old, attempted suicide at his home here. With a revolver he sent a bullet crashing through his skull and destroyed both eyes, yet he lives. The bullet just missed his brain, and the doctors say he has a chance of living, although he will be totally blind.

YORK, Pa., Feb. 6.—Charles Smith, aged 45 years, was found dead in a lime kiln in the outskirts of this city. The body was literally roasted. Both feet and one hand were burned off. Both legs and one side of the body were burned to a crisp. He had been in the habit of sleeping on the kiln, and it is supposed he rolled in it while asleep.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Feb. 6.—A distressing accident occurred at Mt. Pleasant which resulted in the tragic death of a 9-year-old boy named Lewis. An older brother was preparing to go hunting, and while carelessly handling the gun it was discharged, the contents striking the younger brother in the head and killing him instantly. The elder brother is almost frantic.

MEADVILLE, Pa., Feb. 3.—Two children of James Scanlon, aged 1 and 3 years, were burned to death and Mrs. Scanlon frightfully burned in her efforts to save them from her burning home yesterday. The house was entirely destroyed and the children burned to a crisp. The mother's burns are not fatal, but her reason is tottering, and will likely leave her.

SOMERSET, Pa., Feb. 7.—The Park hotel, one of the largest hotels in this section, was destroyed by fire early in the morning. The flames spread so rapidly that the occupants had to leave the building in their night clothes, and many of the women and children were taken from the windows with the aid of ladders. Ella Harmon, a servant girl, was badly burned and may die. The guests had to walk through the snow in their bare feet to places of shelter.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 3.—Secretary of State Gresham notified District Attorney Garman that Bevinno and Villilia, the two Italians who, with "Red Nose" murdered Railroad Paymaster McClane and his assistant, Flannigan, on the mountain near here in 1880, had been convicted in the Italian courts and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment. After the double murder "Red Nose Mike" was captured and hanged, but Bevinno and Villilia escaped to Italy.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 3.—Michael Dike, a Hungarian, was arrested in Sugar Notch charged with poisoning Michael Malachi, his wife and three children. Dike boarded with Malachi, who ordered him to leave the house for insulting the latter's wife. After supper the entire family became suddenly ill, and pavia green was found in their food. The three children are still in a critical condition. When arrested Dike stabbed himself, and his condition is critical.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Feb. 5.—Anderson Wagner, of Mapleton, aged 55, married and the father of four children, became insane a week ago from lack of work and religious enthusiasm. Four times since then he has attempted suicide, but has been prevented by his neighbors. Yesterday the unfortunate man waded out into the Juniata river and was swept out of sight by the rapid current. He was dragged out half an hour later and partially revived, but there is no hope of his recovery.

HOMERIDGE, Pa., Feb. 6.—On Friday afternoon Joseph Wallace, 8 years old, was subjected to a hazing by several older boys at school. They finally caught the little chap and carried him to the woods, where they hung him on the floor. The boy fell face downward, and a sharp stick standing up from the floor impaled him through the stomach. He fainted, but was revived, and walked home. He said little about his terrible injury, and went to bed early Saturday. Before morning he was attacked with severe pains, and died suddenly.

CARLISLE, Pa., Feb. 5.—The dedication of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church took place here yesterday in the presence of Governor Pattison and a large audience, which included many other distinguished men. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Hall, who thanked Governor Pattison, in the name of 900,000 Catholics in Pennsylvania, for his presence at the ceremonies. Bishop McGovern in closing also thanked Governor Pattison. The congregation of St. Patrick's is one of the oldest in the state, having been organized in 1755.

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VAILLANT DIES CALM

He Jumps With a Shout to the Guillotine.

"Long Live Anarchy" and "Death to the Bourgeoisie" Are the Last Words of the Bomb Thrower—Quick Work of the Death Machine.

PARIS, Feb. 6.—With the cry of "Death to the bourgeoisie," "Long Live Anarchy," Vaillant, the anarchist whose name has been on the lips of Parisians ever since the ninth of December, when he threw the bomb in the chamber of deputies, paid the penalty of his crime.

The precautions taken by the authorities to prevent any anarchist demonstration at the guillotine were perfect, and many of the crowd that had gathered to witness the execution, finding that the guards prevented them from seeing anything of the guillotine, left the vicinity of the guillotine, in which Vaillant was awaiting the coming of the headman, before the time it was expected that the execution would take place.

At 6:45 o'clock the gaslights in the vicinity of the prison began to pale. It was estimated at this time that not more than 700 or 800 people were waiting to see the execution, but as it grew later the crowd increased, and at the time the knife fell 1,300 people were present. Many persons were standing on the roofs of houses from which a view of the guillotine could be had. Everybody was remarkably silent. There was none of the shrieking that usually marks an execution here. At 7:10 o'clock all the gaslights were extinguished except the one nearest the guillotine.

At 7 o'clock Head Warden Bruin and several officials entered Vaillant's cell to inform him that the time had arrived for the execution. He was asked to sign the sentence of the law to be carried out. The condemned man was sleeping when they arrived. He was awakened, and told to prepare for death. He appeared to be surprised, and began to reiterate the theories he advanced before the assize court. He declared that though it was easy to suppress him, it was impossible to suppress anarchist ideas. "My body is nothing," he added, "compared with the progress of my principles. I shall be revealed."

Vaillant was perfectly calm and displayed no fear whatever. The warden asked him if he would like to see the guillotine. "Yes," replied Vaillant; "I will not see it."

"Will you have something to drink?" asked the warden.

"No," Vaillant replied; "I shall have enough courage without that."

As a matter of fact, the courage of the condemned man was remarkable, as the later incidents showed. He was shackled to the guillotine, and then ordered to follow to the guillotine. He obeyed the order readily, and as he left the prison his form was upright. He walked as quickly as his shackles would allow, without leaning for support on the assistants, one of whom walked on each side of him.

As Vaillant appeared outside the prison, wearing only a shirt and trousers, everybody bared their heads, and the troops present arms to salute him who was known as already dead.

Chaplain Valadier, whose ministrations Vaillant had refused, stood outside the prison in order to be near should the prisoner change his mind. His services, however, were not called for.

Vaillant advanced steadily. When about eighty yards outside the prison he sprang forward a little to shout "Death to the bourgeoisie," "Long live Anarchy." As he shouted his last cry his voice rang over the whole square. When he had finished he was about three yards from the guillotine, on which his body was to be fastened. It has been customary for the executioner's assistants to push the condemned criminals against the plank, but as Vaillant reached it he sprang forward and placed himself against it.

The plank dropped and in a shorter time than it takes to write it Vaillant's neck slipped under the glistering knife, and the moment he was in position the head touched the spring. There was a flash of the heavy blade descending, and then the spectators saw a heavy and a bleeding stump of a neck drop into the basket placed behind the guillotine. The head turned around as it was severed from the body, and dropped into the basket face up. A second later the plank twisted to the left, and the trunk was thrown into a large basket placed alongside of the guillotine to receive it.

Between the time of Vaillant's arrival at the guillotine and the closing of the baskets containing his remains scarcely more than twenty seconds elapsed. Doubtless, who has received many letters threatening him with death if he executed Vaillant, and who at one time wished to resign his position rather than to put the anarchist to death, appeared paler and more nervous than Vaillant.

In less than two minutes after the knife fell Vaillant's body was placed in one of the waiting vans and taken to the ivory cemetery. The van was preceded by a similar number and a carriage containing officials. The route to the cemetery was covered at a gallop. The remains were ostensibly interred in that part of the cemetery known as the "Furnace Field," which is reserved for criminals who are guillotined.

It is understood that after going through the form of interment the body was delivered to the medical faculty for the purpose of dissection.

Transatlantic Steamship Pool. LONDON, Feb. 3.—The transatlantic steamship companies that are discussing the pooling question include the American, Cunard, White Star, North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American lines. A conference between the representatives of the various lines was held Friday, but nothing was settled. The negotiations as far as they proceeded point to a favorable agreement being reached. After another meeting will be held here, the date of which has not yet been fixed, a conference will meet in Hamburg.

Corrigan Not Summoned to Rome. ROME, Feb. 6.—The representative of the United Press in this city recently announced a denial of the reports that Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, had been summoned to Rome. Cardinal Rampolla, the papal secretary of state, authorizes the United Press representative to deny the report.

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